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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - DECEMBER 22

- 1. NYT (PAGE 5) ROBERT TRUMBULL REPORTS FROM OTTAWA THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLAV HAS CHARGED CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WITH FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER SECURITY FOR SOVIET EMBASSY BUILDING AND WITH ALLOWING CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL RADIO TO BROADCAST ANTI-SOVIET MATERIAL TO EASTERN EUROPE.
- 2. NYT (PAGE 12) BERNIE GWERTZMAN WRITES THAT FORD ADMINISTRATION SEEMS DETERMINED TO MAKE ANGOLA TEST OF WILLS WITH BOTH CONGRESS AND USSR DESPITE REBUKE TO ITS ANGOLA POLICY VOTED BY SENATE. HE QUOTES UNNAMED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AS SAYING IT IS DANGEROUS COURSE THAT CAN LEAD TO NEW CHILL IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.
- 3. NYT (PAGE 13) MICHAEL KAUFMAN REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT THAT COUNTRY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH WHAT IS VIEWED AS SOVIET THREAT TO SHIPPING LANES AROUND CAPE.

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4. NYT (PAGE 25) TONY LEWIS BELIEVES RECENT HISTORY

GOES AGAINST NOTION THAT SOVIET MILITARY AID TO AFRICA WOULD LEAD TO PERMANENT INFLUENCE ON CONTINENT.

- 5. JOSEPH KRAFT IN POST REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT "SOVIET UNION IS LIGHT YEARS BEHIND THE U.S. IN ALMOST ALL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL LIFE". HE BELIEVES RUSSIAN'S NAVAL BUILDUP IN THE PACIFIC IS INSPIRED ENTIRELY BY WISH TO EMULATE U.S. AS NAVAL POWER AND SAYS EXPENSIVE AND INDECISIVE RIVALRIES CAN BE CURBED BY ACCEPTING PARITY.
- 6. SUN (PAGE 1) HENRY TREWHITT IN STORY ENTITLED "AURA IS DIMMING FOR KISSINGER" SUGGESTS THAT FORD DUE TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAS HELD BACK KISSINGER WHO WAS PREPARED TO EXCHANGE COMPROMISE OFFERS WITH THE SOVIETS ON SALT.
- 7. SUN (PAGE 2) AP STORY FROM MOSCOW REPORTS KREMLIN ATTACK ON UN AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FOR HIS "INSULTING AND DEFIANT REPROOFS AGAINST INDEPENDENT STATES". (ALSO WSJ.)
- 8. STAR (PAGE 4) REPORTS SOVIET SUPERSONIC AIRLINER WILL GO INTO REGULAR COMMERCIAL SERVICE BETWEEN MOSCOW AND ALMA-ATA. KISSINGER

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